
Statement of Interest for Sustainability Committee

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My name is Yollotl Lopez, and I am a full-time, tenure-track faculty member of the English Department and co-coordinator of the Puente Program. I am volunteering to serve on the Sustainability Committee. My interest in sustainability comes from my love of sewing. I am deeply interested in the idea of reducing the environmental impact of fast fashion through thrifting, mending, and upcycling existing garments. I am also a proponent of using natural materials to clean and using biodegradable options for decor. As a literary scholar, I feel environmentalism has been really influenced by Native American authors. I believe that incorporating their wisdom into our campus practices can promote reflection on our relationship to materialism and how it is divorced from the natural world. I hope these ideas can add to the existing initiatives of the committee.

Best Regards,

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